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SUBJECT: SINAI FIELD MISSION TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION FOR CONTRACT  
PERSONNEL

1. DEPT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT, FOLLOWING HIS PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION  
HERE, THORNE WILL PROBABLY BE RAISING QUESTION OF APPROPRIATE  
TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION FOR AMERICAN TECHNICIANS TO BE ASSIGNED  
TO SINAI FIELD MISSION. FOLLOWING ARE CONSIDERATIONS WHICH  
EMBASSY BELIEVES SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN CONSIDERATION  
OF THIS MATTER.

2. TRADITIONAL ISSUANCE OF TWO PASSPORTS TO INDIVIDUALS  
REQUIRED TO TRAVEL TO BOTH ISRAEL AND ARAB STATES MAY NOT BE  
APPROPRIATE IN VIEW OF TECHNICIANS' UNPRECEDENTED STATUS IN  
THE REGION. THEY WILL BE WORKING AND RESIDING IN UN-CONTROLLED  
BUFFER ZONE, ESTABLISHED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT WITHIN  
CONTEXT OF UN-SPONSORED GENEVA CONFERENCE. THE RAISON D'ETRE  
OF THE GROUP IS TO ASSIST WITH THE SUPERVISION OF THE TERMS  
OF THAT AGREEMENT. THEY WILL BE SPENDING MOST OF THEIR FREE  
TIME IN TERRITORY OF PARTIES TO THAT AGREEMENT. IN  
SHORT, WHILE ON THE JOB OR ON LEAVE IN EITHER EGYPT OR  
ISRAEL THEIR TRAVEL STATUS IS LESS ANALOGOUS TO AMERICAN  
OFFICIALS IN THE AREA THAN IT IS TO UN EMPLOYEES.

3. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, THE DEPT MIGHT CONSIDER THE  
ISSUANCE OF AN IDENTITY CARD OR LAISSEZ-PASSER GOOD FOR  
TRAVEL IN EGYPT AND ISRAEL ONLY, WITH ITS PRIOR RECOGNITION  
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ASSURED BY BOTH PARTIES AND THE UNITED NATIONS. LANGUAGES

USED COULD BE ENGLISH AND FRENCH AS IS CASE WITH UN TRAVEL DOCUMENTS.

4. ISRAELIS HAVE NOT RAISED THIS ISSUE IN ANY DETAIL WITH EMBASSY, ALTHOUGH PERES DID INQUIRE OF THORNE WHAT ARRANGEMENTS FOR DOCUMENTATION WERE BEING MADE. EMBASSY DOES NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT ISRAELIS WOULD REACT FAVORABLY IF EGYPTIANS WERE TO INSIST ON USE OF TWO MASSPORTS BY TECHNICIANS. ON OTHER HAND, EGYPTIANS PROBABLY ARE NOT READY TO ACCEPT PASSPORTS CONTAINING ISRAELI VISAS. THEREFORE, APPROPRIATE I.D. OR LAISSEZ-PASSER MIGHT MEET CONCERNS OF BOTH PARTIES WHILE AT SAME TIME RECOGNIZING UNIQUE STATUS OF TECHNICIANS WITHIN LIMITED GEOGRAPHIC AREA.

5. APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF DECISION ON THIS ISSUE.  
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